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Mr. Steven Corbally, Desk Officer
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RE: Extension of Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignment and
IPA Waiver for Jill Williams-Hall

Dear Mr. Corbally: *Salve*

Following consultation with the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a waiver pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1) for Jill Williams-Hall. This waiver allows Ms. Williams-Hall, an employee of the State of Delaware, to assist EPA in overseeing underground storage tank prevention programs in states and Indian Country during her Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment to EPA. The waiver stipulates that she not work directly with Delaware nor can she retain any of her responsibilities associated with her position of record in Delaware. A copy of that waiver, issued on August 26, 2016, is enclosed for your reference.

Recently, Jeanne Duross, an ethics attorney with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), discussed with you the fact that the waiver contemplated that Ms. Williams-Hall's IPA assignment would end on September 25, 2017. EPA and Delaware, however, now seek to extend her IPA for an additional year through September 25, 2018. You and Ms. Duross discussed whether EPA should seek an entirely new waiver or if we could simply extend the existing one.

Pursuant to your discussions with Ms. Duross, EPA understands that a new § 208(b)(1) waiver is unnecessary. None of the relevant facts upon which the initial waiver determination was made nor the conditions that would be imposed have changed. The only change is the extension date of Ms. Williams-Hall's assignment. Thus, through this letter, EPA is notifying your office that we will be extending Ms. Williams-Hall's § 208(b)(1) waiver through September 25, 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Duross, who can be reached at (202) 564-6595 or duross.jeanne@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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